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SUBJECT: KAZAKHSTAN: TREATMENT OF RETURNED GUANTANAMO
DETAINEES TO KAZAKHSTAN

REF: A. STATE 63758
[1](#)B. 06 ASTANA 814

Classified By: Amb. John Ordway, reasons 1.4 (B)
and (D).

[1](#)1. (S) Post has no reason to believe that the three
Kazakhstanis returned from Guantanamo Bay have been
mistreated by Kazakhstani authorities. Based on the GOK's
overall record of excellent counterterrorism cooperation, we
judge that the GOK is capable of receiving the final detainee
if he is approved for release. Whether or not the GOK agrees
to accept the return of the final detainee may depend on if
they receive the additional information they have requested
on the four Kazakhstanis that were/are detained.

[1](#)2. (S) The Kazakhstanis have stated that they have no plans
to prosecute the three returned detainees absent additional
information of their "guilt" from the U.S. The only
additional information Post currently has on the three
returned detainees is derived from open press reports. The
Kazakhstani press has reported interviews with the three
repatriated detainees or members of their immediate family.
From the press reports, it appears that all three returned
detainees are living and working freely in Kazakhstan. The
press has not reported any indication of mistreatment by the
Kazakhstani authorities and there is no report of any of the
detainees being investigated or prosecuted locally or having
been detained in Kazakhstan. Post is not aware of the steps
that have been taken by the Government of Kazakhstan to
reduce any threat these individuals pose.

[1](#)3. (S) Post is unable to discuss this matter with
international NGOs in Kazakhstan without creating tension in
the bilateral relationship. Kazakhstani authorities closely
watch NGOs and would most certainly be aware of any embassy
query into the matter. If post were to unilaterally
investigate the issue without officially approaching the
Government of Kazakhstan, the Kazakhstanis would likely be
see this as an effort by the U.S. to go "behind their backs"
to gather such information in order to acquire derogatory
information on the Government of Kazakhstan. The only way
for post to actively gather information about the returned
detainees is by officially requesting the information first
from the Kazakhstani government.

[1](#)4. (S) Comment: The Kazakhstanis have informed post on
numerous occasions that in order to justify monitoring the
detainees, they request additional incriminating details on
the transferred detainees (Ref B). Post believes that
sharing additional details would not only facilitate positive
control of the detainees by local authorities, but would also
make it easier to reach agreement if and when the final
detainee is approved for release and transfer. End comment.

